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LUMBER DISTRIBUTION FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, 1938

Reports from Oregon and Washington indicate a regional softwood distribution of 7,187 million board feet in 1938. The quantity shipped shows a gain of 37 percent over the shipments of 1934 and a gain of 66 percent over softwood shipments of 1932. It is, however, a decrease of 12 percent relative to 1936, the last year of record in lumber distribution.

Practically all of this decrease is accounted for in the Douglas fir region of Washington, corresponding largely with decreases in exports and other water-borne distribution.

Oregon ranked first as a distributor of lumber in 1938. Although the State showed moderate losses in several important markets relative to 1936, particularly within the Northwest, these were practically compensated by an increase of 200 million feet to California.

Attached is a table showing Oregon and Washington softwood shipments of 1938 as reported to the Forest Service by the manufacturers. It corresponds with Table 22, page 51, of Lumber Distribution and Consumption for 1936, which is available without charge, upon request.

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Softwood lumber distribution from the Douglas fir and other North Pacific regions, in M feet b. m. 1938.

Destination	From the Douglas fir region 2/			From all other North Pacific regions 3/				From Oregon and Washington
	Total	Western Oregon	Western Washington	Total	Klamath and Lake counties	Other eastern Oregon	Eastern Washington	
Alabama	1,250	327	923	807	462	325	..	2,057
Arizona	31,136	30,170	966	991	813	178	..	32,127
Arkansas	1,726	1,066	660	616	519	97	..	2,342
California	1,344,573	824,350	520,223	157,598	133,863	23,735	357	1,502,171
Colorado	59,675	33,307	26,368	25,043	8,028	15,290	6,735	87,718
Connecticut	43,018	11,747	31,271	10,893	1,842	7,026	2,015	53,901
Delaware	8,834	3,035	5,799	601	55	214	332	9,435
District of Columbia	5,681	703	4,978	5,702	2,063	2,854	785	11,383
Florida	4,290	925	3,365	309	289	20	..	4,599
Georgia	1,686	928	758	301	301	..	..	1,987
Idaho	34,150	14,353	19,797	17,071	1,178	7,647	8,246	51,221
Illinois	168,563	69,354	99,209	89,474	24,747	44,473	20,254	258,037
Indiana	27,955	10,627	17,328	15,250	6,688	6,063	3,479	43,235
Iowa	150,620	62,117	88,503	105,684	28,208	60,518	16,158	256,504
Kansas	63,663	28,063	35,620	16,312	5,541	7,229	3,542	79,995
Kentucky	4,154	1,059	3,115	2,092	1,199	873	20	6,246
Louisiana	6,192	1,907	5,285	86	86	..	..	6,278
Maine	4,794	1,207	3,587	2,224	692	988	344	7,016
Maryland	42,873	13,752	29,121	10,913	4,954	4,337	1,612	53,786
Massachusetts	59,569	19,027	50,542	18,003	3,915	11,737	2,551	87,572
Michigan	74,351	25,320	49,031	38,053	7,073	20,297	10,683	112,404
Minnesota	148,235	38,198	110,037	79,013	16,843	44,168	17,985	227,251
Mississippi	836	688	148	395	370	..	25	1,231
Missouri	35,784	12,037	23,727	17,799	6,484	7,586	3,729	53,563
Montana	22,710	5,659	17,051	4,507	2,179	564	1,764	27,217
Nebraska	64,922	26,221	38,701	18,814	3,065	10,648	5,101	83,736
Nevada	12,515	8,979	3,536	4,133	3,823	390	120	16,648
New Hampshire	2,801	755	2,046	3,021	1,034	1,999	88	5,822
New Jersey	132,583	31,317	101,266	27,740	6,355	12,882	8,603	160,323
New Mexico	15,637	8,476	7,161	5,934	3,078	2,831	25	21,571
New York	297,913	107,669	190,244	91,796	30,899	42,312	18,585	389,709
North Carolina	955	311	644	430	452	28	..	1,435
North Dakota	27,546	7,893	19,653	5,427	832	1,353	3,242	32,973
Ohio	48,428	13,820	34,608	43,486	11,708	24,653	7,125	91,914
Oklahoma	20,547	9,361	11,186	7,397	3,655	2,372	1,370	27,944
Oregon	522,286	4/ 469,929	52,357	393,824	4/ 285,676	4/ 107,905	243	918,110
Pennsylvania	94,657	37,237	57,420	46,826	11,659	22,205	12,962	141,683
Rhode Island	25,413	5,181	20,232	4,034	887	2,810	337	29,447
South Carolina	916	811	105	415	355	..	60	1,331
South Dakota	31,918	8,566	23,352	8,356	1,723	1,987	4,646	40,274
Tennessee	975	597	378	868	855	24	9	1,863
Texas	35,859	17,441	18,418	7,756	6,141	1,503	92	43,595
Utah	47,840	29,557	18,283	13,116	800	11,755	561	60,956
Vermont	1,781	359	1,422	3,603	2,418	782	403	5,384
Virginia	11,653	5,265	6,387	3,209	1,978	664	587	14,662
Washington	743,026	48,311	4/ 694,715	299,280	10,918	8,893	4/ 279,469	1,042,306
West Virginia	6,230	1,443	4,787	4,013	2,858	552	603	10,243
Wisconsin	69,661	23,505	46,156	70,924	27,453	32,572	10,999	140,585
Wyoming	28,384	10,672	17,712	7,232	915	4,535	1,782	35,616
Export and off-shore	404,705	166,413	238,292	8,401	7,867	280	254	413,106
Undistributed (rail and cargo)	464,582	283,976	180,606	13,648	..	..	13,648	478,230
Total	5,470,281	2,533,022	2,937,259	1,716,663	683,826	561,727	471,110	7,186,944

1/ Reported figures compiled directly from lumber distribution reports received from 525 establishments (about 554 sawmills). This table is comparable with the corresponding statement published as Table 22 of Lumber Distribution and Consumption for 1938.

2/ A gross area comprising 19 counties in Oregon and 19 counties in Washington, lying west of the Cascade Mountains divide, including Jackson County and Josephine County, Oregon. All of the Oregon counties and all except Island, Jefferson and San Juan counties in Washington furnished distribution reports. A high percentage of the cut in this sub-region is Douglas fir and hemlock. About half the product is used in California, Washington, and Oregon, but substantial quantities are shipped to every State in the Union. Foreign cargo shipments, which amounted to 1,630,000 M feet in 1928 declined to 285,000 M feet in 1938. They were exceeded by British Columbia foreign cargoes beginning in 1933.

3/ The lumber distributed from the eastern counties of Oregon and Washington is principally ponderosa pine, which like the Douglas fir and hemlock, goes to every State. Oregon, Washington, California and Iowa take more than half the product. Exports are relatively very small. The larger part of the Oregon product comes from Klamath and Lake Counties.

4/ Intra-State distribution. Includes lumber shipped to dealers or to consumers of shop lumber within the State, or used or retailed by the reporting firms.

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